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Chief Executive Officer

November 18, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PARKS AND RECREATION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS TO COMPLETE
APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS
PROGRAM FOR THE WHITTIER NARROWS EQUESTRIAN ARENA
AND WILLIAM S. HART PARK SCENIC TRAIL PROJECTS
(FIRST AND FIFTH DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) is requesting adoption of the resolutions for the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Arena and William S. Hart Park Scenic Trail projects to meet the Recreational Trails Program grant guidelines. The Department is requesting a total of \$220,000 in grant funds for these projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt the resolutions to complete the application process for the proposed Whittier Narrows Equestrian Arena and the William S. Hart Park Scenic Nature Trail projects to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, under the Recreational Trails Program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adoption of the resolutions will complete the application process for the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Arena and the William S. Hart Park Scenic Trail projects and allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to compete for grant funding

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under the Recreation Trails Program. This is an annual Federal grant program administered through the State Department of Parks and Recreation. The Department will return to your Board for acceptance of grant funding, if awarded, and to establish the capital project(s).

Whittier Narrows Equestrian Arena

There is only one equestrian arena at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area and the estimated annual average usage is between 10,000 to 15,000 equestrians. Additionally, the arena is anticipating the overflow of equestrians from a nearby facility that is expected to close at the end of 2008. The existing arena is not equipped to handle this volume and is already deteriorating.

The proposed project will accommodate the anticipated overflow of equestrians and will relieve the congestion from the other arena. The proposed project consists of constructing a 100' x 200' equestrian arena, a parking lot with crushed road base material for horse trailers and patrons, installing a perimeter split rail fencing, hitching rails, nose troughs, and landscaping.

William S. Hart Park Scenic Trail

William S. Hart Park does not have a scenic trail and this will allow visitors to view breathtaking sights of the Santa Clarita Valley and of the facility and serve as an educational venue. The proposed trail will be approximately one mile, made with 20" x 24' culverts and degradable granite switchbacks, and have an 8' x 14' wood beam bridge built across a natural wash. The trail will also include benches, a kiosk and interpretive signage.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Upon completion, the proposed projects will contribute to the achievement of three goals of the County's Strategic Plan: Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) by increasing the Department's public-private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure; Children and Families' Well-Being (Goal 5) by improving the good health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being, and educational/workforce readiness of the children and families of the County; and Community Services (Goal 6) by improving the quality of life for residents by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/ FINANCING

At this time, the Department has only initial project cost estimates of \$170,000 for the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Arena Project and \$80,000 for the William S. Hart Park Scenic Trail Project, and will be working with the Chief Executive Office to confirm a project budget prior to returning to your Board with recommendations to accept the grant funding and establish the project(s) and project budget(s). The Regional Trails Program grant funding to be requested, \$150,000 for the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Arena Project and \$70,000 for the William S. Hart Park Scenic Trail Project, is less than full project funding due to a grant match requirement. The grant requirements under the Recreational Trails Program requires a minimum of 12 percent match in non-federal funds. The match may include local, state, or private funds, as well as materials and services. The Department will identify the non-federal match as part of future recommendations to your Board to accept the grant funding and approve the project.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The Department will work with the Chief Executive Office to identify the appropriate level of additional operational requirements and the one-time or ongoing operational cost impacts due to these projects. The operating budget impact will be addressed as part of the future action accepting grant funding and establishing the capital project(s).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

If the grant(s) is awarded, a grant agreement must be executed between the Department and the State Department of Parks and Recreation. The Department must comply with all the requirements set forth in the Grantor's procedural guide.

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed projects are categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15302 (c), 15303 (d)(e), 15304 (a) of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 2(e), 3(a)(b), 4(a) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the proposed projects provide for replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities involving no expansion of capacity and grading on land with a slope of less than ten percent.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES AND PROJECTS

There are no impacts on current services as a result of this action. Both of the projects, if implemented, will be accomplished so as to minimize the impact on public use of the affected facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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c: County Counsel
Department of Parks and Recreation

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE
WILLIAM S. HART REGIONAL PARK SCENIC TRAIL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the “Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users” provides funds to the State of California for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail Projects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing Project Application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said Application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the filing of an application by the County of Los Angeles for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the County of Los Angeles' general plan or the equivalent planning document; and
3. Certifies that the County of Los Angeles has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project included in the Application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
4. Certifies that the County of Los Angeles has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
5. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project; and
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By Donna P. Hana
Deputy

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Principal Deputy County Counsel

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The foregoing resolution was on the 18th day of November, 2008, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.




SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Office,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

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